

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
NORTHERN DIVISION**

LATOYA BROWN; et al

PLAINTIFFS

v.

Civ. No. 3:17cv347-CWR-LRA

MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; et al

DEFENDANTS

DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR A SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

Defendants, Madison County, Mississippi, and Sheriff Randall C. Tucker, collectively “Defendants,” by and through counsel, file the following Motion for a Settlement Conference in this matter pursuant to Local Rule 16(g), and would show unto the Court in support thereof the following:

1. Because settlement is favored under the law, the Court’s inherent power and the Local Uniform Rules of the United States District Courts for the Southern District of Mississippi allow this Court to convene a settlement conference at any time as the interests of justice dictate.

2. As explained in the accompanying supporting memorandum, this case is currently in a procedural posture that could foster fruitful settlement discussions. The parties have exchanged settlement offers. However, unless this matter is resolved with the Court’s assistance, the parties will expend tremendous resources in re-filing and re-briefing the various motions and further litigating the merits of Plaintiffs’ individual class claims.

3. The Court’s involvement at this point would serve to ensure that the settlement discussions would be productive in potentially ending any further expenditure of the parties’ or the Court’s resources. If convened, this would be the first settlement conference in this case.

4. Accordingly, pursuant to Local Rule 16(g) and for all the reasons set forth in the Memorandum in Support of this Motion filed concurrently, Defendants request that this Court

convene a settlement conference to be attended by all parties and their counsel to take place with all due haste.¹

Respectfully submitted this 12th day of February, 2019.

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¹ Defendants plan to file a separate motion requesting that this Court enter a temporary stay of the deadlines for defendants to respond to both Plaintiffs' Amended Complaint and the pending second motion for class certification and motion for leave to file a Second Amended Complaint.

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